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REVEALS SECRET OF  
SUBMARINE BOAT.Inventor Holland's Key to Success  
Consists in Keeping Tanks  
Full of Water.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 8.—J. P. Holland, the in-

ventor of submarine torpedo boats, in a lec-

ture before the faculty and classes of Man-

hattan College, disclosed the great secret

of his success in submarine construction.

It is to have the ballast tanks always full

of water, never partially filled, otherwise

the water ballast shifts, changes the center

of gravity, upsets the boat and causes dis-

aster. This one little fact is the Holland

key to sailing and diving about like a fish

under water. On it hangs the value of in-

ventor Holland's patents.

Mr. Holland said that he got this idea as

well as his original plan of submarine con-

struction from a friend who knew nothing

of mechanics, but suggested many valuable

ideas by his questions.

"I was compelled to wait twenty years,"

said Mr. Holland, "before I could get money

even after I was sure my plan was com-

plete. Fortunately I put in my time by

inventing criticism. It is worth a salu-

tion. The new ideas that really made my boat a

success were suggested by men totally in-

competent of boats or naval architecture. They

asked questions that I never thought of, but

I had never thought of them and I could

not answer them. So I set to work to

meet all such problems and remedy every

new difficulty, and thus in time I came to

evolve a practical submarine boat."

Mr. Holland described his several boats,

from a little fifteen-foot experiment built

in 1872 to the latest and successful Holland

boat. He said the French deserved credit

for first building a practical submarine

boat, though he held that his own vessel

is superior in every respect to all others.

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associate. An underwriting member must

deposit with the committee of Lloyd's

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three years after he ceases to be an under-

writing member. He pays an entrance fee

of £100 or \$100 and an annual subscription

of £100 or \$100. An annual subscriber pays

an entrance fee, but an annual subscription

of £100 or \$100. An associate member pays

£500 or \$500. There are in 1771 only seventy-nine sub-

scribers to Lloyd's. There are now nearly

1,000. The subscribers in the olden time, as

did not confine themselves to maritime

insurance. They were willing to take a

risk on almost anything. There is still pre-

served at Lloyd's a policy on the life of Napoleon

Bonaparte for one month at a premium of

£100 or \$100. Bank deposits are insur-

ed in Lloyd's, also race horses and the

lives of threatened monarchs. An odd case

was the covering of a risk on a glass ball

packed in twenty boxes. The risk was

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stamp, guaranteeing that the issue

would be successful.

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insured in Lloyd's. A London street

who has the impression that a monument

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BARONESS VON KETTELER.

AMERICAN, HONORED BY KAISER.

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After the Empress at Berlin.

Special Correspondence of The Sunday Republic.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Baroness von Ketteler, the

heroine of the Berlin society, at the onset

of which her distinguished husband,

Ambassador from Germany, was found

murdered, is to have unusual honors con-

ferred upon her when she comes to Berlin

in compliance with the Kaiser's invitation.

It has been stated that Emperor William

would make her lady-in-waiting to her

Majesty, but that is a mistake. The title

of lady-in-waiting, or Hofdame, would hard-

ly be granted to the Baroness's present rank

for her ladyship is already styled "Am-

bassadress" and "Excellency," and, as

Baroness Ketteler died at his post, his con-

sistent rank and title belong to his widow

for life, just as it would have belonged to

him if he had retired with honors after

reaching the age limit.

As a matter of fact the Kaiser has re-

solved to revive the post of Mistress of the

Robe for the former Miss Maud Cass-Jei-

yard. This office has long been extinct at

the Prussian court, and the old society

which maintains that "born" ladies of title

alone have claim to it are raising heaven

and earth to prevent the terrible slight of

their dignity, if possible, by a woman without

ancestors. "A woman whose father is in

trade" has precedence over the ancient

society house, Baroness Ketteler, who has

the whole west end of Berlin, is going

into hysterics over the dread an-

nouncement that the Baroness's right royal

proof of her esteem and of the gratitude he

feels for her late husband's services is to

be the position of Mistress of the Robe

with it the title of "Excellency," and

the Kaiser's chief mistress, Countess Bro-

ckdorff, who already holds the position of

Mistress of the Robe is already styled

"Excellency," rivalry between the

two ladies is the result of the present

thought of.

The Empress is said to be delighted with

the augmentation to her personal entou-

rage which in future will be on the same

level as that of the Kaiser's. The Kaiser

Victoria, Mistress of the Robe is the

Duchess of Buccleuch, who combines with

the office that of the present Mistress of

the Robe, Countess Brockdorff, who is

the daughter of the Duke of Devonshire.

According to the Kaiser's wish, Baroness

Ketteler will be the first lady to be in-

vested with the position of Mistress of the

Robe. The Kaiser's chief mistress, Countess

Brockdorff, who is the daughter of the

Duke of Devonshire, is the daughter of

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